IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of)
Yasuaki Ogiwara et al.) Group Art Unit: 2873
Application No.: 10/570,343	Examiner: Timothy J. Thompson
Filed: March 3, 2006	Confirmation No.: 5454
For: LIQUID FOR ELECTROPHORETIC DISPLAY, DISPLAY MEDIUM AND DISPLAY DEVICE USING THE SAME (as amended)))))

SUBMISSION OF REQUEST FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE PATENT PROSECUTION HIGHWAY PROGRAM BETWEEN THE JPO AND THE USPTO

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of the Notice Regarding Full Implementation of the Patent Prosecution Highway Program (PPH) between the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) and the Japan Patent Office (JPO) signed by Commissioner Doll on December 28, 2007, applicants respectfully submit by EFS-Web a Request for Participation on Form PTO/SB//20JP and the accompanying documents.

It is initially noted that the present application is understood to be eligible for the PPH Program as it is a U.S. national stage application under the PCT that validly claims priority to an application filed in the JPO and prosecution of the present U.S. application has not begun. The corresponding JP national stage application (JP 2005-513637) has been allowed and has been issued as JP Patent No. 3966890 on June 8, 2007.

The documents accompanying the Request are as follows:

- 1) A verified English language translation of the following documents from the now-issued JP application:¹
 - a) Notification of Reasons for Refusal dated March 14, 2006,
 - b) Amendment filed May 15, 2006,
 - c) Decision of Refusal dated December 11, 2006,
 - d) Amendment filed March 12, 2007 (which includes the as-allowed claims), and
 - e) Decision to Grant a Patent dated May 29, 2007;

¹ The Japanese language documents being available via the Dossier Access System.

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2) A Preliminary Amendment which corresponds the claims of the present application to the claims in the now-issued JP application with the claims correspondence table being provided on page 2 of the Request; and

3) A Sixth Information Disclosure Statement which provides JP 2002-350904 that was cited in the Decision of Refusal (other documents cited by the JPO were provided in the Second Information Disclosure Statement filed on June 26, 2006).

The Preliminary Amendment and Fifth Information Disclosure Statement are separately indexed as required by the Notice.

Should any questions arise concerning the present submission, the undersigned attorney can be contacted at the number provided below.

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